GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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NEW NORMS ON FOOD MANAGEMENT MSP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether new norms on food management necessitates a review of current Minimum Support Price system;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): The Government intends to continue with the present price policy for agricultural commodities which envisages announcement each season of Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of major agricultural commodities and organizing purchase operations through public and cooperative agencies such as Food Corporation of India (F.C.I.), Cotton Corporation of India (C.C.I.), Jute Corporation of India (J.C.I.), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) and Tobacco Board, besides other agencies designated by the State Governments. The price policy for agricultural commodities is constantly reviewed and necessary action is taken wherever required.